

## TOLD ON THE STAND

Mrs. Hayden Testifies in the Brown Will Case.

## WHAT MRS. HAINES SAID TO HER

The Story that Brought Shame to the Aged Mother and Turned the Old Man's Feeble Brain.

Up to last night there had been sworn in the "Jockey" Brown will contest case thirty-six witnesses, and six days and a half had been consumed in examining them and securing a jury. The attendance at the morning session was not so large as on previous days, though in the afternoon the number of spectators was equal to that of any day since the trial began. Mrs. Haines, instead of sitting back and appearing unconcerned, sat at the very elbow of Mr. Russell and occasionally offered suggestions.

F. I. Hough stated that he had had business relations with Mr. Brown and had heard him say that he would make no will, but divide his property equally among his children. James Dobbe related that the old man once told him that Alice was a thief and had stolen goods from a house on South Division street where they were stored, and that he was aided and abetted by her mother. This was subsequent to the death of Mrs. Brown. When the latter died Mr. Brown bought a cheap casket, but it was changed when Mrs. Hayden arrived from the west. Charles Howe, the 15-year-old son of Mrs. Howe, the housekeeper, said that while he was in the Brown residence Mrs. Haines was a family tyrant and objected to his mother preparing and taking delicacies to Mrs. Hayden when she was sick. Mrs. Haines once told the boy that if he saw Mrs. Hayden and her father asking together to at once inform her, Charles Kellogg, residing at Grandville between the years of 1877 and 1885. According to his testimony Mr. Brown rarely visited Mrs. Haines until after 1880, after which year he visited her frequently. James Jewell, for fifteen years a Grandville, corroborated the testimony of the former witness, and added that prior to the death of Mrs. Haines' first husband she seldom kissed and hugged her father when he came to see her, but that afterward she always did.

Mrs. Melissa Haven, next door neighbor to Mrs. Haines in Grandville, testified as to the frequency of Mr. Brown's visits.

The deposition of Mrs. Julia Ensign, of Bowditch street, was read. She knew Mr. Brown and family for forty years, beginning with the time they moved to Paris township. Mrs. Haines hated her father's house only once in two years. Several years after Alice was married Margaretta visited her father's house when the witness was here. She offered to go to Charles Hayden, but Margaretta said, "I don't want to see the dirty pup."

Afternoon Session. When court convened in the afternoon Dr. G. K. Johnson was sworn. He testified to having been acquainted with the Brown family, and was occasionally called on to render medical services. He noticed a change in Mr. Brown's demeanor about 1880, after which time he appeared to grow indifferent and indolent.

Mrs. Harriet Bigelow was sworn and testified that her acquaintance with the Brown family extended over a considerable length of time. After first testifying to the kindness with which Mr. Brown treated his family, and the love he entertained for his wife and daughter, Mrs. Bigelow referred to a day shortly after Mrs. Brown's death, when Alice was sick. She called for the purpose of seeing the father and met Mrs. Haines at the door. She inquired for Alice, but her sister declined to state in what part of the house she was located. Before her departure she met Mr. Brown and offered her condolences. Instead of expressing sorrow the old man exclaimed that he was glad his wife was dead and wished that Alice was with her. He danced around and clapped his hands in glee, remarking that Alice was not his daughter. Mrs. Haines was near by at the time and "Jockey" turned to her, saying: "You remember what took place at Adrian." Mrs. Bigelow expostulated with the old man, but her arguments were of no avail. He strenuously insisted that Mrs. Haines had convinced him that his wife was untrue and his daughter Alice illegitimate.

John F. Cramer, bookkeeper for the Taster Brewing company, said that he was engaged in the family of Mr. Brown in 1879 and remained there until 1884. When he first went there Mr. Brown treated his wife kindly and spoke well of Alice, but beginning with 1880.

He began to change. He could not attend to his own business and the witness wrote many letters for him, figured up interest on mortgages, etc. Mr. Brown dictated two letters to the witness intended for his brother, William Brown, in the east. One of the letters he signed twice. Both will be introduced in the case later. In 1880 "Jockey" visited Grandville, where Mrs. Haines resided and returned early and cross. He lost his way in returning, and he witness accused him of having driven off from the right road to avoid paying toll and then losing himself. Mr. Brown did not deny this. Mr. Cramer first met Alice in 1883, when she returned from the west. He seldom saw Mrs. Haines. Mr. Brown displayed many peculiarities. He would sit for hours with his face buried in his hands, and at other times would go out on the sidewalk and speak to every person passing by whether he was acquainted with them or not. When asked for money by his wife he would curse and rave furiously.

Mrs. Alice Hayden, the contestant, took the stand. She testified that she was the daughter of James H. and Roxana Brown, and that she was born in Adrian, Mich., in 1846. When two years old she removed with her father to Paris township, where she lived on a farm. She had one sister, Margaretta, but had no recollection of her having been a member of the household or of her marriage. Her sister lived in Grandville. Mrs. Hayden said that she married her husband, Charles Hayden, November 19, 1861. He father was acquainted with her husband about two months before she met him and she knew him two years before the wedding occurred. She attended school in Paris and also in Grand Rapids. Her father always dressed her well, and was anxious that she should mingle in society. Mrs. Hayden and her husband resided in Grand Rapids and were here about one year before he came. At first she rented rooms, but finally her father purchased and furnished a home for her at the corner of North Lima and Pearl streets, keeping the title in his own name, but as-

suming her that it belonged to her. Her father sold his farm, moved to the city and took up his residence with Mrs. Hayden. Subsequent to this Mr. Hayden went to Canada and stayed for some time. He returned to Grandville, this state, and later to this city, where he clerked in a store and traveled on the road selling goods. In 1876 Mrs. Hayden and her husband left the residence of her father and rented rooms in the Tracy block. She resided there only a short time when her father

Persuaded Her to Return Home.

Saying that the house was lonely without her and her daughter Maud; that Mrs. Brown was sick and needed her attention. In February, 1877, Mr. Hayden went to Denver on account of his health. She did not accompany him the first time he went. Her father was adverse to his going. Mrs. Hayden remained at home some time before following him. Referring to the death of Maud Mrs. Hayden said her father was greatly grieved thereby. In furnishing the house Mrs. Hayden purchased part of the furniture. She paid \$100 towards a piano and her father paid the balance, giving the instrument to her. While in Denver Mrs. Hayden's mother visited her once, staying about two weeks. During the three years Mrs. Hayden was in Denver her father sent her a silk dress and a cloak. Her first return was in 1880. She arrived a day earlier than expected and there was no one to meet her at the train. When she reached the house her father drove in the yard. He was delighted to see her, and embraced and kissed her, saying that he hoped she would never leave him again. Her mother was absent from home, and her father sent for her at once. Mrs. Hayden remained about five months, during all of which time her father treated her well. She visited Mrs. Haines at Grandville, and Mrs. Haines visited her. At one time she remained four days at Grandville. At this time Mrs. Haines told Mrs. Hayden that Mr. Brown was not her father, but that she was the illegitimate child of her mother, and that Dr. Hoyt of Adrian, was her father. Mrs. Hayden was indignant and asked Margaretta how she dared say any such thing. Mrs. Haines then said that her father had been criminally intimate with her aunt. In regard to the above Mrs. Haines cautioned Mrs. Hayden to treat it as a secret. At this time Mrs. Hayden remarked that she wished her mother would outlive her father, as she was afraid her father would marry again, and knew her mother would not. She did not say this because she loved her father less than she did her mother. Mrs. Haines coincided with her.

Mr. Uhl—"And did you ever repeat what Margaretta had said to you?" Mr. Russell—"I object unless Mr. Uhl will show that it is material and relevant."

Mr. Uhl—"Do you want me to show?" Mr. Russell—"Yes sir, I would like to have you show."

"Well, then your honor, it will be shown on trial here that Alice has never repeated what Margaretta told her to a living soul. That when—"

Mr. Russell—"I object. You are not speaking to the question."

"You have asked me to show and I am going to. I am speaking to the question. We will show that when Alice next visited her father in 1883 he had heard and told her that she was not his daughter and that Margaretta told him so."

This little debate caused intense excitement in the court room. After a few further unimportant questions court adjourned until this morning.

## DEMAND A RIGHT OF WAY.

Residents of Grandville Commence Suit Against the C. &amp; W. M.

The village of Grandville has begun proceedings in the circuit court against the Chicago & West Michigan R. R., et al. The bill gives the location of a street in that village, known as Ottawa street, which ends at the crossing of the railroad. It is desired to continue the thoroughfare across the track. The village council served a notice on the company, but it opposed the extension. It is desired that the land be condemned as a necessary public improvement and the Chicago & West Michigan be compelled to show cause why the street should not go through.

## Pessink Held for Trial.

Returns have been made to the county clerk in the case of Henry J. Pessink, who was convicted before Judge Hydon of fraudulently contracting debt. The complainant in the case is John Chittick, who alleges that Pessink obtained a quantity of flour from the Muskegon Milling company upon false pretenses. The amount of indebtedness incurred with this company is \$90; a firm at Englewood, Ill.; Snow and Woodland, \$47; Kipp, of Zealand, \$94; Easty Milling company, plainwell, \$116; a firm at Fremont Center, \$47, and others, aggregating \$147. The offense is of a criminal nature and the respondent was held for trial.

## Court Notes.

The following cases were adjourned in police court yesterday: Adelbert Winter, larceny, February 29, 3 p. m.; Thomas & Platte, saloon open Sunday, this morning at 9 a. m.; Geo. Cook, burglary and larceny, this afternoon, 9 o'clock; Alexander Hamilton, perjury, February 27, 9 a. m.; Albert Helms, larceny, February 29 at 3 p. m.

C. F. J. and M. Donker were arrested yesterday charged with stealing a hand saw from John Voss. When arraigned in court the boys pleaded not guilty and their case was adjourned till February 27 at 3 p. m.

Elijah Bellis, a boy who says he ran away from his home at Kalamazoo, was taken in by the police yesterday and turned over to the county superintendent of the poor. The boy will be sent to his home today.

Suit has been begun by summons in the circuit court by Ema E. Rowe against Trafton H. Pond, Milton M. Morse and George M. Morse. The damages are not stated.

Warren E. Pierce of Walker township sued for a divorce from his wife, Mary Jane, who, he alleges, deserted him twenty-four years ago without cause or provocation.

This is the last week for serving notices of trial for the March term of the superior court, which begins March 14.

## LAW AND LAWYERS.

United States Court.

JUDGE SEVEREY.

William E. Coffin vs. the president and directors of the Grand Rapids Hydraulic company. Three cases of the same title; order sustaining demurrer and giving plaintiffs until March 1 to amend declaration.

## An Unpleasant.

A gentleman who contemplates the purchase of a certain piece of real estate in this vicinity, becoming acquainted

with the real estate agent who was negotiating the sale of his land, in obtaining the abstract, impatiently exclaimed, "Now, here, I want you to hurry up and get an abstract to that land, and no more fooling about it."—Nelson's Excelsior.

## ODDS AND ENDS.

Virginia owns 1,380,000 acres of oyster lands.

There are sixty-one trees native to Nebraska.

The face of the earth has ever been marked with tear stains.

Salt added to cooked fruit, especially in pies, increases the flavor.

We are all wrong as to dates. The Chinese reckon time to be year 7,918,841.

The advent of old age makes a potential vitality thrower of many a fading belle.

Fully four times as many people speak Chinese as speak the English language.

The palm was a measure of length used by the Romans. Its length was about 8 1/2 inches.

The police of New York city found and restored to their parents 1,130 lost children during 1901.

Careful measurement has developed the fact that the pouch of the pelican will hold six gallons.

In St. Vincent the upsetting of a calash in a boat is equivalent to inviting the fury of the elements.

Owing to the extensive use in electric appliances the price of platinum has advanced fully 100 per cent.

Cuiver never revised what he had once written. He composed with great rapidity, correctness and decision.

The measure of what may be attempted out of the beaten rut largely depends upon the personality of the pioneer.

A fossil crab of one of the species existing at the present time was recently found in the rocks of the Hudson river tunnel.

Golden Gate park, San Francisco, is to have an immense racoonut tree from Honolulu. It weighs six tons, is already boxed, and awaits shipment.

The canal system of Germany has been greatly developed during the past ten years, and more than one-third of the freight is now carried by them.

A Sweet Rule of Life.

I know a woman who approaches nearer my ideal of lovely womanhood than almost any other type that ever came under my notice. She is low voiced, earnest, sweet hearted, merciful and wise. She can laugh as heartily (when there is anything to laugh about) as a robin can sing when the apple tree flowers are in the air, but she never giggles, neither does she smile at what causes discomfort to others. I would be hardly more surprised to see her sharpening up a butcher knife to behold an opponent than I would be to find her laughing because somebody had slipped on an icy sidewalk or stumbled along an uneven way, and yet she is nothing of a prude or bigot. Her home is the gathering place of Bohemians of the better type, and her parlors are not too fine for tobacco smoke nor the grim disorder of good comradeship bonnets. One day I asked this woman what was the secret of her beautiful life, a life that attracted all and repelled none.

After laughing a little at the question she told me a story. "Once," said she, "I was called upon to watch day and night by what threatened to be the deathbed of a darling child. That boy was dearer to me than my life, and every hope of my heart was centered in him; I simply could not let him die. I neither slept nor ate; I devoted every moment of my time, every pulse beat of my energy to nursing him, and yet he seemed to be going steadily down to death."

"Finally one night I just got down on my knees and told the Lord that if he would only let my darling live I would solemnly covenant never again to do a thing, little or big, which I myself thought was wrong. Mind you, I didn't promise to consult my neighbors or my best friends or anybody else, or do what might be considered unworthy. I simply said, 'Here, dear Lord, is my hand upon it that I will live up to my own individual conscience, and what is best and noble to do.' And I have tried ever since to keep my covenant."

Wouldn't that be an excellent creed for such of us as are naturally endowed with quick perception and the power of discriminating selection to adopt?—Chicago Herald.

## Sad News.

Neighbor—How do do, my little man? I hear your father has come into a fortune. Are you not glad?

Little Man—No'm. I'm awful sorry.

"Dear me! Why?"

"'Cause he says now I've gotter be educated."—Good News.

## Kind to the Police.

A boy conducted an oldish man into the presence of a patrolman on Fourteenth street the other day, and when the officer asked what the trouble was the stranger said:

"I expect I've bin robbed of my watch."

"Watch gone, eh? Haven't you any idea where you lost it?"

"Not the slightest. I was down here somewhere by a ferry and took a drink with a man. Maybe he got it."

"Anywhere else?"

"I was over here somewhere by a park and a good natured feller wrestled us down on the grass. He might have got it."

"Anywhere else?"

"I jumped off a street car down here somewhere and fell head over heels. I went back and found my jackknife, but the watch wasn't lying around."

"Have any other adventures?" queried the officer.

"Well, I fell asleep in a place down by the river, and I do believe some stole fifteen cents out of my pocket, but I didn't think nothing about the watch."

"I can't help you any," said the officer, as he turned away.

"No, I didn't expect you could; but I thought I'd tell you about it, and kinder put you on your guard. If you carry any valuables about you keep your eyes peeled. This is a powerful big town, with lots of wicked folks in it, and they'd rob you quicker's a wink."

"I think I can take care of myself," remarked the officer.

"I hope you kin, but don't be too over-confident. That's the way I thought, and where am I now? I traded a yearlin calf for that watch last spring, and then give two dollars to have her plaid over, and where is she today? Just take

a maybur's advice and keep your eyes peeled. I'll be around here for a day or two yet, and if anybody tries any gum game on you just holler, and I'll be right on deck to help give him an all-fired wallopin'."—New York Evening World.

## Fleety of Time.



First Girl (waiting for the man who doesn't come)—David said in his haste, "All men are liars."

The Other Bitter One—If he lived in the present age he might have made the statement at his leisure.—Life.

## To Train Girls for Servants.

A new undertaking, which women everywhere will be interested in, is the industrial association, which, however, is yet to be tried. It is a movement in which Mrs. John A. Logan and Mrs. E. B. Day, of New Orleans, are the leading spirits, and has for its aim the training of young colored girls for domestic service. The idea is to open a home in Washington, which shall be under the management of a board of directors and he self supporting, where competent, trained help can be procured. It is evidently a step in the right direction toward solving that most vexed of all household problems.—Brooklyn Eagle.

## A Sensible Dog.

First Boy (defiantly)—My dog kin lick your dog.

Second Boy (valiantly)—Ef your dog licks my dog, I'll lick you.

First Boy (backing off)—My dog don't waster fight.—Good News.

## Sure to Get Well.

Mamma—Run for the doctor. Little Dick is very sick.

Papa—Don't worry. He'll be all right tomorrow.

"Why, how do you know?"

"It's snowing, and he hasn't had a chance to try his new sled since Christmas."—Good News.

## The Color Test.

"Why are those two gatemens, one with the red and the other with the blue nose, being so intently gazed at by the engine drivers?"

"Why, you see, that is the way the drivers are now tested for color blindness."—Humoristische Blätter.

## The Moral Standpoint.

A.—You don't mean to say there can be two opinions as to whether lotteries are moral or immoral?

B.—Certainly. It all depends whether you win or lose.—Fliegende Blätter.

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